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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
2 EASTERN DIVISION

3 KEILEE FANT, ET AL.,

4 Plaintiffs,

5 Cause No. 4:15-CV-253-AGF

6 vs.

7 THE CITY OF FERGUSON,

8 Defendant.

9 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF RONALD BROCKMEYER

10 Taken on behalf of the Plaintiffs

February 21, 2020

11 Jo Ann Dickson, CCR 1085

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13 (Whereupon, the deposition commenced at 9:39 a.m.)

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1 them why. And sometimes I would reduce the fine or I'd
2 reduce the payment or I'd just waive it, waive the payment.

3 **Q Would you do this every time?**

4 A If they -- if they gave me an indication that
5 they couldn't afford it. If they made any indication
6 whatsoever about hey, I can't afford that, I would say
7 okay, let's talk about it.

8 **Q So first a person has to raise this
9 affirmatively, is that correct?**

10 A That would be correct, just like in state
11 court. Did you ever hear a state court judge ever ask the
12 defendant if they have money to pay? I was in federal
13 court the other day. I didn't hear the judge ask him if he
14 had money to pay. He just assessed a fine.

15 MR. WALDRON: Now we have three people asking
16 questions.

17 THE WITNESS: Pardon me?

18 MR. WALDRON: Now we have three people asking
19 questions.

20 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm just responding to the
21 question.

22 MR. PHILLIPS: Objection. We have an
23 understanding there's one person. We don't need anyone
24 else interjecting.

25 MR. WALDRON: He's asking questions.